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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an 3 Indictments and 2 Informations¹ against five plumbers named below, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 666 relating to those plumbers' payments of bribes to Kathleen Brooks, an employee of the Philadelphia Water Department.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Norman Cole	912 Bullock Avenue, Yeadon, PA.	January 3, 1946
Russell Brown	819 South 57 th Street, Philadelphia	May 1, 1947
Andrew Garappo	607 Poplar Road, Flourtown,	August 25, 1965.
Mitchell Gordon	1146 Harriet Road, Huntingdon Valley	September 14, 1956.
George Manosis	338 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia	May 30, 1962

If convicted the defendants each face the following maximum possible sentence:

Gordon and Garoppo are charged with mail fraud. The maximum sentence for a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341 (Mail Fraud) is five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, three years supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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Manosis, Cole and Brown are charged with §666 bribery. The maximum sentence for a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666 is 10 years imprisonment, a 3 year period of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the City of Philadelphia, Office of the Inspector General and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amy L. Kurland.

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